

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

MICHAEL A. MORGAN,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Civil Action No. 5:08CV170
(Criminal Action No. 5:05CR42-01)
(STAMP)

Respondent.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER
DENYING CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

On August 31, 2010, this Court issued a memorandum opinion and order affirming and adopting the report and recommendation of the magistrate judge and denying the petitioner's § 2255 petition. The order advised the petitioner that should he choose to appeal the judgment of this Court to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on the issues to which objection was made, he must file a notice of appeal with the Clerk of this Court within 30 days after the date that the judgment order in this case is entered. See Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1). This Court further stated that upon reviewing the notice of appeal, it would either issue a certificate of appealability or state why a certificate should not be issued in accordance with Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22(b)(1). Finally, this Court informed the petitioner that if this Court should deny a certification, the petitioner may request a circuit judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to issue the certificate.

On September 22, 2010 the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit issued an order remanding this case to the district court for the limited purpose of permitting the district court to supplement the record with an order granting or denying a certificate of appealability.

This Court hereby finds that it is inappropriate to issue a certificate of appealability in this matter. Specifically, the Court finds that the petitioner has not made a "substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). A prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that any assessment of the constitutional claims by the district court is debatable or wrong and that any dispositive procedural ruling by the district court is likewise debatable. See Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336-38 (2003). Upon review of the record, this Court finds that the petitioner has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, the petitioner is DENIED a certificate of appealability.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this order to the pro se petitioner by certified mail and to counsel of record herein.

DATED: September 22, 2010

/s/ Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.
FREDERICK P. STAMP, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE